

LORD will not hear you in that day.

{8:19} Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; {8:20} That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. {8:21} And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. {8:22} And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

{9:1} Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name [was] Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. {9:2} And he had a son, whose name [was] Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and [there was] not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward [he was] higher than any of the people. {9:3} And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. {9:4} And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found [them] not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and [there they were] not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found [them] not. {9:5} [And] when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that [was] with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave [caring] for the asses, and take thought for us. {9:6} And he said unto him, Behold now, [there is] in this city a man of God, and [he is] an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. {9:7} Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, [if] we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and [there is] not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? {9:8} And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: [that] will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. {9:9} (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for [he that is] now [called] a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) {9:10} Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God [was].

{9:11} [And] as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? {9:12} And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, [he is] before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for [there is] a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place: {9:13} As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; [and] afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. {9:14} And they went up into the city: [and] when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

{9:15} Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, {9:16} To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him [to be] captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. {9:17} And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to

thee of! this same shall reign over my people. {9:18} Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house [is]. {9:19} And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I [am] the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that [is] in thine heart. {9:20} And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom [is] all the desire of Israel? [Is it] not on thee, and on all thy father's house? {9:21} And Saul answered and said, [Am] not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me? {9:22} And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which [were] about thirty persons. {9:23} And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. {9:24} And the cook took up the shoulder, and [that] which [was] upon it, and set [it] before Saul. And [Samuel] said, Behold that which is left! set [it] before thee, [and] eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

{9:25} And when they were come down from the high place into the city, [Samuel] communed with Saul upon the top of the house. {9:26} And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. {9:27} [And] as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

{10:1} Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured [it] upon his head, and kissed him, and said, [Is it] not because the LORD hath anointed thee [to be] captain over his inheritance? {10:2} When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? {10:3} Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: {10:4} And they will salute thee, and give thee two [loaves] of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. {10:5} After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where [is] the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: {10:6} And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. {10:7} And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, [that] thou do as occasion serve thee; for God [is] with thee. {10:8} And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, [and] to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

{10:9} And it was [so,] that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. {10:10} And when they

came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. {10:11} And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What [is] this [that] is come unto the son of Kish? [Is] Saul also among the prophets? {10:12} And one of the same place answered and said, But who [is] their father? Therefore it became a proverb, [Is] Saul also among the prophets? {10:13} And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

{10:14} And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that [they were] no where, we came to Samuel. {10:15} And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. {10:16} And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

{10:17} And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh; {10:18} And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, [and] of them that oppressed you: {10:19} And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, [Nay,] but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands. {10:20} And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. {10:21} When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found. {10:22} Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. {10:23} And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. {10:24} And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that [there is] none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king. {10:25} Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote [it] in a book, and laid [it] up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

{10:26} And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. {10:27} But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace. {11:1} Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. {11:2} And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this [condition] will I make [a covenant] with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it [for] a reproach upon all Israel. {11:3} And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if [there be] no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

{11:4} Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept. {11:5} And, behold, Saul

came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What [aileth] the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh. {11:6} And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. {11:7} And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent [them] throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent. {11:8} And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. {11:9} And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by [that time] the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed [it] to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. {11:10} Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you. {11:11} And it was [so] on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

{11:12} And the people said unto Samuel, Who [is] he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. {11:13} And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel. {11:14} Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there. {11:15} And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

{12:1} And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. {12:2} And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons [are] with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. {12:3} Behold, here I [am:] witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received [any] bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. {12:4} And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. {12:5} And he said unto them, The LORD [is] witness against you, and his anointed [is] witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, [He is] witness.

{12:6} And Samuel said unto the people, [It is] the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. {12:7} Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers. {12:8} When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. {12:9} And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. {12:10} And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth:

but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. {12:11} And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe. {12:12} And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God [was] your king. {12:13} Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, [and] whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you. {12:14} If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God: {12:15} But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as [it was] against your fathers.

{12:16} Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. {12:17} [Is it] not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness [is] great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king. {12:18} So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. {12:19} And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins [this] evil, to ask us a king.

{12:20} And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; {12:21} And turn ye not aside: for [then should ye go] after vain [things,] which cannot profit nor deliver; for they [are] vain. {12:22} For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. {12:23} Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: {12:24} Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great [things] he hath done for you. {12:25} But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

{13:1} Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, {13:2} Saul chose him three thousand [men] of Israel; [whereof] two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent. {13:3} And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that [was] in Geba, and the Philistines heard [of it.] And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. {13:4} And all Israel heard say [that] Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and [that] Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

{13:5} And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which [is] on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven. {13:6} When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. {13:7} And [some of] the Hebrews went over Jordan

to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he [was] yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

{13:8} And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel [had appointed:] but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. {13:9} And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. {13:10} And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

{13:11} And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and [that] thou camest not within the days appointed, and [that] the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; {13:12} Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. {13:13} And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. {13:14} But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him [to be] captain over his people, because thou hast not kept [that] which the LORD commanded thee. {13:15} And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people [that were] present with him, about six hundred men. {13:16} And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people [that were] present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

{13:17} And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way [that leadeth to] Ophrah, unto the land of Shual: {13:18} And another company turned the way [to] Beth-horon: and another company turned [to] the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

{13:19} Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make [them] swords or spears: {13:20} But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock. {13:21} Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. {13:22} So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that [were] with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found. {13:23} And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

{14:1} Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that [is] on the other side. But he told not his father. {14:2} And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that [were] with him [were] about six hundred men; {14:3} And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, I-chabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD'S priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

{14:4} And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, [there was] a sharp rock on the one side and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one [was] Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. {14:5} The forefront of the one [was] situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah. {14:6} And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for [there is] no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few. {14:7} And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that [is] in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I [am] with thee according to thy heart. {14:8} Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto [these] men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. {14:9} If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. {14:10} But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this [shall be] a sign unto us. {14:11} And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. {14:12} And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. {14:13} And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him. {14:14} And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, [which] a yoke [of oxen might plow. ] {14:15} And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling. {14:16} And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down [one another. ] {14:17} Then said Saul unto the people that [were] with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer [were] not [there. ] {14:18} And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

{14:19} And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that [was] in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand. {14:20} And Saul and all the people that [were] with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, [and there was] a very great discomfiture. {14:21} Moreover the Hebrews [that] were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp [from the country] round about, even they also [turned] to be with the Israelites that [were] with Saul and Jonathan. {14:22} Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, [when] they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. {14:23} So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

{14:24} And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed [be] the man that eateth [any] food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted [any] food. {14:25} And all [they of] the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground. {14:26} And

when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath. {14:27} But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that [was] in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. {14:28} Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed [be] the man that eateth [any] food this day. And the people were faint. {14:29} Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. {14:30} How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines? {14:31} And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint. {14:32} And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew [them] on the ground: and the people did eat [them] with the blood.

{14:33} Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day. {14:34} And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay [them] here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew [them] there. {14:35} And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

{14:36} And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. {14:37} And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day. {14:38} And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. {14:39} For, [as] the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But [there was] not a man among all the people [that] answered him. {14:40} Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. {14:41} Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect [lot. ] And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped. {14:42} And Saul said, Cast [lots] between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. {14:43} Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that [was] in mine hand, [and, ] lo, I must die. {14:44} And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. {14:45} And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: [as] the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not. {14:46} Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

{14:47} So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and

against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed [them. ] {14:48} And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them. {14:49} Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters [were these:] the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal: {14:50} And the name of Saul's wife [was] Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host [was] Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. {14:51} And Kish [was] the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner [was] the son of Abiel. {14:52} And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

{15:1} Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee [to be] king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. {15:2} Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember [that] which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid [wait] for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. {15:3} Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. {15:4} And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. {15:5} And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

{15:6} And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. {15:7} And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah [until] thou comest to Shur, that [is] over against Egypt. {15:8} And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. {15:9} But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all [that was] good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing [that was] vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

{15:10} Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, {15:11} It repenteth me that I have set up Saul [to be] king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. {15:12} And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. {15:13} And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed [be] thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. {15:14} And Samuel said, What [meaneth] then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? {15:15} And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. {15:16} Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. {15:17} And Samuel said, When thou [wast] little in thine own sight, [wast] thou not [made] the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? {15:18} And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. {15:19} Wherefore then didst thou

not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? {15:20} And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. {15:21} But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. {15:22} And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams. {15:23} For rebellion [is as] the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness [is as] iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from [being] king.

{15:24} And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. {15:25} Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. {15:26} And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. {15:27} And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. {15:28} And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, [that is] better than thou. {15:29} And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he [is] not a man, that he should repent. {15:30} Then he said, I have sinned: [yet] honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. {15:31} So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

{15:32} Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. {15:33} And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

{15:34} Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. {15:35} And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

{16:1} And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. {16:2} And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear [it,] he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. {16:3} And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me [him] whom I name unto thee. {16:4} And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? {16:5} And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

{16:6} And it came to pass, when they were come, that he

looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed [is] before him. {16:7} But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for [the LORD seeth] not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. {16:8} Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. {16:9} Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. {16:10} Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. {16:11} And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all [thy] children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. {16:12} And he sent, and brought him in. Now he [was] ruddy, [and] withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this [is] he. {16:13} Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

{16:14} But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. {16:15} And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. {16:16} Let our lord now command thy servants, [which are] before thee, to seek out a man, [who is] a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. {16:17} And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring [him] to me. {16:18} Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, [that is] cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD [is] with him.

{16:19} Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which [is] with the sheep. {16:20} And Jesse took an ass [laden] with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent [them] by David his son unto Saul. {16:21} And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. {16:22} And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. {16:23} And it came to pass, when the [evil] spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

{17:1} Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which [belongeth] to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. {17:2} And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. {17:3} And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and [there was] a valley between them.

{17:4} And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height [was] six cubits and a span. {17:5} And [he had] an helmet of brass upon his head, and he [was] armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat [was] five thousand shekels of brass. {17:6} And [he had] greaves of brass upon his

legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. {17:7} And the staff of his spear [was] like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head [weighed] six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. {17:8} And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set [your] battle in array? [am] not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. {17:9} If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. {17:10} And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. {17:11} When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

{17:12} Now David [was] the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name [was] Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men [for] an old man in the days of Saul. {17:13} And the three eldest sons of Jesse went [and] followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle [were] Eliab the first born, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. {17:14} And David [was] the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. {17:15} But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. {17:16} And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. {17:17} And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched [corn,] and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren; {17:18} And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of [their] thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. {17:19} Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, [were] in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

{17:20} And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. {17:21} For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. {17:22} And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren. {17:23} And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard [them. ] {17:24} And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. {17:25} And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, [that] the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. {17:26} And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who [is] this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? {17:27} And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

{17:28} And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. {17:29} And David said, What have I now done? [Is there] not a cause?